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COOL, CLEAN, CHEAP. On a scorching day, a child in the outskirts of Cotabato City plays with the potable running water provided by the newly constructed Tamontaka 3 Water System. The system connects the barangay to the Metro Cotabato Water District through 1.3 kilometers of pipelines and nine communal faucets. It was constructed by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program. Before the construction, the 2,256 residents of Tamontaka 3 had little choice but to purchase water for their use. (GEM)

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